

# Highland Happenings

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Dear Highland Families,

With all the excitement of the Holiday Season behind us and a New Year in full swing, I wanted to take a moment to remember some of the amazing times we had here at Highland Park. Thank you so much to Mr. Hayden, Ms. Jordan and Ms. Stickle for an incredible Winter Concert. It was the highlight of our season!

Thank You to all for being incredible families to work with. Look at the memories we made together ☺

2016 will be our Best Year Ever!

Warmly,

Dr. Ali



## Holiday Activities in Kindergarten

The kindergarten classes celebrated holidays from around the world by incorporating math and word problems. These holidays included Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Christmas, Diwali, Three Kings Day, St. Lucia's Day, and Las Posadas. Their focus was that all holidays have similar themes, such as getting together with families, sharing food, and caring about others.

## Imagineering

First graders have been doing creative play to work with classmates in order to build masterpieces. They can use drawing materials, play dough, legos, and blocks. The purpose of this program is to incorporate social thinking and teach students how to work together.



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## What's Happening at Highland Park

### Reduce, Reuse, and Recycled Animals

In art, students are using recycled newspaper, cardboard, and plastic to build animals. They are working together to create habitats where these various animals would live. Some animals are make-believe and others are replicas of real-life animals

### MLK Celebration

Congrats to Janna Hart in 5<sup>th</sup> grade for receiving an award at the 31<sup>st</sup> annual MLK celebration on January 12<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme was "What are you doing for others?" Janna participates in community service projects outside of school, such as selling bookmarks and then donating the money to animal shelters. You go, Janna!



### Concerts

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir, band, and orchestra had their first concert. The students showed off their musical talents to the HPS community during evening and afternoon concerts. Thank you to Mr. Hayden, Ms. Jordan, and Ms. Stickle for their hard work and dedication.



### Do You Want to Build a Sock Snowman?

Fifth graders showed off their creative abilities by making sock snowmen. It was a great way to start off their holidays.



### Student Council



Congrats to the 19 students accepted into the student council. January 13<sup>th</sup> will be the first meeting. Within the next month, students will begin helping with bus duty and doing the morning announcements. Their first service project will be a food drive.

### Holiday Shop

Thank you to the PTA for running the Holiday Shop again this year. It was a hit! Students bought presents for family and friends this holiday season. The money will be used for PTA events. A special thank you to Sue Jacobsen and her elves.



## Parent/Guardian Math Night



MPS will be hosting a math night at Highland Park for parents/guardians on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30 pm. The night will begin in the café with the Numeracy Coach and amazing teachers then break out into grade levels. Childcare will be provided. This night will help with understanding lessons and to continue to work together as partners in your child's education.

## Family Bowling Night

Unfortunately, due to the weather, Family Bowling is cancelled. The event will be rescheduled at a later date.



## Pajama Day Fundraiser

January 29<sup>th</sup> will be PJ Day. Dress in your best pajama's for \$1 which will be donated to CT Children's Medical Center.

## Math Chat

Parents are welcome to join our math chat on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10 am in Ms. DeAngelis' office. This will allow parents a chance to ask questions about the math curriculum. The event will provide information on how to support students in mathematics.



## HPS has Got Talent

Mark your calendars, ladies and gentlemen! The Variety Show will be held February 25<sup>th</sup> at Manchester High School. Rehearsal Dates will be 1/21, 1/26, 1/28, 2/2, 2/4, 2/9, 2/11, 2/16, and 2/18. Practice starts at 6:30 pm. The dress rehearsal at MHS will be February 24<sup>th</sup> and is mandatory. If you have any questions, you can contact Heather Doucette at [hldoucette@gmail.com](mailto:hldoucette@gmail.com). Also, the PTA is still looking for volunteers to help out with this event!



## Attention Scientists!

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, HPS will host its 5<sup>th</sup> annual science fair. Students will show off inventions and creations they made. Students are showing they can solve problems in new and creative ways. Parents - If you would like to volunteer to be a judge at the science fair, please contact Mrs. Klemons or Mrs. Delissio.



## Save the Dates

### January 22

Crazy Sock Day

### January 23

Family Bowling Night Cancelled

### January 27

Math Chat @ 9:15-10am

Parent/Guardian Math Night  
@6-7:30pm

### January 29

Pajama Day Fundraiser

### February 3

100<sup>th</sup> Day of School/ Dress  
Like You're 100 Years Old  
Early Release (Dismissal 1:17)

### February 15-16

No School (Winter Break)

  
**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
GO  
HUSKIES**

